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"Archaeology has fascinated many people in communities throughout Ontario for a long time. Since the 19th century, volunteers have played a crucial role in recording and preserving Ontario's archaeological resources.

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"We want to encourage volunteers to take an active role by recognizing their contributions in a tangible way. At the same time, we are laying the groundwork for a future system of developing an experienced, trained corps of archaeological volunteers."

The Ontario Archaeological Society, which is administering the program in cooperation with the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture, will ask all institutions and agencies involved in archaeology in the province to participate by documenting individual volunteer assistance to their operation. This can include fieldwork but also may involve such other activities as data processing and technical work. Participating institutions and agencies will use distinctive stamps to authorize passport entries.

This program will increase communication and support between the professional and amateur archaeological communities in Ontario, Mrs. Munro added.

Passport To The Past will be available after March 1. Those interested should write to the Ontario Archaeological Society (Inc.), Box 241, Postal Station P, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2S8.

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